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## In the claims:

1 (amended). A crystal puller for producing a monocrystalline ingot, the crystal puller comprising:

a susceptor including a bottom and a side wall having an inner surface and an upper rim;

a crucible for holding molten source material and including a side wall having an outer surface, said crucible being received in the susceptor and having the outer surface of the side wall disposed in generally radially opposed relationship with the inner surface of the susceptor side wall, the inner surface being free of shielding;

the susceptor being sized such that the crucible side wall extends up to above the upper rim of the susceptor side wall